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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: *Ex Parte* Presentation, ET Docket No. 08-59
Amendment of the Commission's Rules to Provide Spectrum for the
Operation of Medical Body Area Networks

Dear Ms. Dortch,

On May 21, 2012, I received a phone call from Matthew Berry, Chief of Staff to Commissioner Pai, requesting clarification of Philips' statements in earlier *ex parte* meetings and filings with regard to the need for articulating an intended deadline for Commission appointment of an MBAN spectrum coordinator.

Notwithstanding the best of intentions, no MBANs operation can commence in the 2.360-2.390 GHz spectrum until device activation is coordinated by the MBANs coordinator(s) and the primary spectrum coordinator (AFTRCC). I expressed Philips' concern that uncertainty with regard to when an MBAN coordinator can be expected to be appointed will delay introduction in hospitals of complete wireless MBAN systems if the expected time of appointment is unknown due to the additional regulatory proceedings. Establishing an expected timeframe for appointment would provide everyone involved with specific expectations and thereby facilitate funding of the activities necessary before these new systems can be introduced in this spectrum. Concluding that at least one MBAN spectrum coordinator will be appointed no later than May 1 (or June 1) 2013 -- one year from now -- would significantly help reduce the effects of uncertain timing.

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Pursuant to Section 1.1206(b)(2)(v) of the Commission's rules, the communication was made at 4:05 pm on May 21, 2012, and is exempt from Sunshine pursuant to Sections 1.1203(a)(1), 1.1204(a)(10). An electronic copy of this letter is being filed for inclusion in the above-reference docket.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "DR Siddall". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

David R. Siddall
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cc: Matthew Berry, Office of Commissioner Pai